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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Thelma Slocum

The mission of Friendship Force is to **promote global understanding** across the barriers that separate people. Since the founding of our organization in 1977, Friendship Force has worked to bridge the divide created by cultural misunderstandings and fear. For 40 years, we have remained committed to our mission, with **friendship & understanding** as our primary objectives.

In May 2017, Friendship Force International launched our 40th Anniversary Campaign, designed to invest wisely in enhancing worldwide cultural understanding by delving deeper into our mission of **creating international peace through**

friendships. This campaign has three goals: Expand Our Core- Engage Future Leaders-and Active a new, Socially-Responsible /travel Network. Each of the programs included in the campaign have outcomes that fulfill multiple goals of the 40th Anniversary Campaign and our Strategic Plan, while continuing to focus on spreading our mission to more people worldwide. Expand Our Core With your support, by 2021 FFI will expand our sphere of influence from 40,000 to 80,000 participants and extend the reach of Friendship Force from more than 60 countries to 90 countries. I have more details about these three areas that are spelled out for FFI's goals for the NEXT 49 years that I can share later. Friendship Force is getting it's name and vision out there more and more and we are no longer the "best kept secret". More people are learning about us as seen in the paragraph, by Rick Steves. "Friendship Force (www.friendshipforce.org): This nonprofit focuses on person-to-person exchanges, with locals welcoming travelers into their homes. Each one- to three-week program includes fun experiences, such as learning to make traditional lavash bread in Armenia, visiting historic Brazilian fishing villages or tobogganing on sand hills in Australia's Hunter Valley."

The results of your votes for out bound travel in 2020 were a bit surprising, since FFNC has been to these countries previously. Choice #1 New Zealand, #2, Australia, #3 Turkey and Japan tied, & #4 Canada. Thank you for your votes. I will request that if we cannot get one of our first two choices, that our 3rd & 4th choices be considered. We'll look forward to hearing from FFI regarding our outbound travel for 2020.

~Thelma Slocum

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Friday, Oct. 12, 7pm
1st Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Program:
Rona Baer
Shares her
Travel Experiences

FFNC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BY ALICE GIBSON

We are in our first month of our 2019 membership drive. Suggestions for recruiting new members:

- Wear your Friendship Force badge most places you go. You may have the opportunity to explain the club when someone asks what it is.
- Tell folks where you've been and where you may be going. Explain how our cultural exchange club is different than other travel clubs because of the home stays.
- Point out that Friendship Force was started by Wayne Smith and has more than 400 clubs in 60 countries over 6 continents.
- Expand on your praise for what you have learned and seen on domestic and international journeys because of the people you have met all over the world.
- Emphasize the cost savings between our home stay club and most travel clubs.
- Pass out contact cards with your name (or mine) so the folks can call and discuss the advantages of joining the Friendship Force



Marian Sparks
1935-2018

Friendship Force of Northern Colorado is saddened at the news of the passing of Marian Sparks. She was a long-time active member and leader in FFNC. We offer our condolences to Marian's family which includes five children, 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service is
on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018
10:30 a.m.
First Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln Ave.
Loveland



Obituary from the Reporter Herald may be accessed with this link:
www.legacy.com/obituaries/reporterherald/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=190327775

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

WORLD EXPERIENCES OF DR. SUSAN SHOEMAKER



Dr. Susan Shoemaker presented our September program, sharing a plethora of amazing photos and compelling accounts of her experiences working with people in many parts of the world. Susan's 30 plus years of national and international experience in change management, leadership development, and education provided a most interesting program for FFNC.

Much of her work has been with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Switzerland and Egypt, including workshops in Switzerland for nurses from The Sudan, Somalia, and Jordan. She & her husband, Russ, also worked for the Ministries of Health in Oman and Bahrain, and she facilitated leadership workshops for NGOs (Non-government Organizations) in Armenia.

JUDY'S JOURNEY JOTS

JUDY FLATLEY, FFNC JOURNEY COORDINATOR

We have completed our hosting of the St. Louis club visit. We congratulate Debbie Jones, JC and Dennis Miller, Asst. JC and their committee for the fine program and activities they put together for this inbound journey. It was a job very well done!

As you read this, several members of our club are currently on the Bristol-Berlin-Halle Journey. See pgs 6 for a few photos sent by ambassadors. We know they are having a wonderful experience and we will be eager to hear about their adventures upon their return.

Page 8 features possibilities for Choose Your Own Journey-Adventure including details about **FFNC Journey to Bogota in January 2018!** Short notice, but **HUGE OPPORTUNITY!**



~ Judy Flatley

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF NORTHERN COLORADO
HOLIDAY SOCIAL GATHERING**

Friday, December 14, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM

Rick & Suzi Gossard's Home

921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, 80526

\$20 per person

Sign up at the October or November Meetings

or contact Suzi Gossard. 970-412-0691
suzi.gossard@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to FFNC and mail to:

Suzi Gossard; 921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Or give to Rosemary Donovan at the October meeting

Social Committee Report from Thelma Slocum

Just a brief report from your Social Committee, as I said in my Presidents letter our first activity, we'll be going to Bruce's Bar in Severance, Colorado on Thursday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. Please let Rona know if you plan to attend.

In November we will kick off our Game Night at Anne Brown's home on Tuesday evening November 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Let Anne know if you plan to attend and bring a hearty appetizer to share. We will be playing Mexican Train Dominoes. Looking forward to a fun time socializing with everyone.

Then also in November is our next CLEO lunch at the Pho Lan restaurant in Loveland, CO at 11:00 a.m. let Barbara Miller know if you plan to attend.

I will be handing out a sheet at our October meeting that will allow you to vote or choose other activities that you would like to see the Social Committee offer. The next meeting for the Social Committee will be at Anne Brown's house on Tuesday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to work with this committee is welcome to attend.

INTERESTED IN A JOURNEY TO BOGOTA??? Here's our itinerary planned by Friendship Force of Bogota! Call Alice Gibson 310-8848 if you're at all interested, and plan to attend the informational meeting on Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. (before our regular FFNC meeting) After the home-stay week in Bogota, the group will have 7 day tour through more areas of Columbia. Get more details, costs, tour info. at the Oct. 12 meeting. **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

TUESDAY -Arrival of the group at El Dorado airport. Hosts will be at the airport to welcome you.

WEDNESDAY 10 am- 12:30 am Visit to **Ministry of Culture of Colombia**

The **Ministry of Culture** , is the national executive ministry of the Government of Colombia charged with preserving, promoting, & encouraging the growth, free expression & understanding of the culture of Colombia in all its multi-ethnic forms

- **Visit to Museum Santa Clara** is one of Bogotá's most richly decorated churches & also its oldest It's now run by the government, by the Ministry of Culture as a museum. Built between 1629 & 1674, the single-nave construction features a barrel vault coated in golden floral motifs that look down over walls entirely covered by 148 paintings & sculptures of saints.

6-9 pm **Welcome event** –Dinner at a Colombian restaurant. Dancing & Music! FF Bogota pays for your dinner.

Colombia is a country full of world champion dancers. So its no surprise that Colombians can move.

It is not difficult for visitors to catch up, just learn the steps, feel the beat & set your hips in motion to dance Salsa, Merengue, cumbia , joropo & valenato.

THURSDAY 8am-8 pm bus tour Visit to a **rose farm** in town of Tocancipa

The rose farms are located in the incredibly fertile savannah of Bogotá, high in the &es mountains of Colombia, where the weather is perfect for rose growing: warm days & cool nights.

- Visit to the **Basilica Nuestra Señora de Fatima**, de la Orden de Los Caballeros de la Virgen (Heralds of the Gospel-Knights of the Virgen) There is a growing devotion of Colombians to the Virgin of Fatima, Msgr. João S. Clá Dias, Founder & Superior General, devised, encouraged & guided with special care, to the minimum details the construction of the church. He suggested that it should be a temple full of color & light that spoke of faith & hope to those who gathered in it to praise God & his Blessed Mother.

- Lunch at **Universidad de la Sabana** in town of Chia. Is a Colombian private higher education institution founded in 1979. It is located in the municipality of Chía, 7 km north of Bogotá. The university has been given the High Quality Institutional Accreditation by the National Ministry of Education. Lunch is paid by FF Bogota. Visit to **Salt Cathedral in city of Zipaquirá**

The Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá is an underground Roman Catholic church built within the tunnels of a salt mine 200 meters underground in a halite mountain near the town of Zipaquirá, in Cundinamarca, Colombia, destination & place of pilgrimage in the country.

The temple at the bottom has three sections, representing the birth, life, & death of Jesus. The icons, ornaments & architectural details are h& carved in the halite rock. Some marble sculptures are included.

FRIDAY 9 a.m. Climb to **Montserrat Hill** by cable car, for massive capital views, This is a Bogota proud symbol. The church up top is a major mecca for pilgrims , due to the church's atar statue of Fallen Christ (Señor Caído) to which many miracle have been attributed. It is 500 more meters higher than Bogota. Colombia produces the largest percentage of the world's emeralds. Colombia may actually contain up to 90% of the world's emerald deposits.

11-12 noon or longer, visit to **Gold Museum**. Bogotá's most famous museum. Contains more than 55.000 pieces of gold from all the major pre-Hispanic cultures in Colombia. **Museo Botero** . Paintings & sculptures of Colombia's most famous artist, Fern&o Botero. He donated these works. Rest of the day is free. Hosts will have ideas for you of what to do.

SATURDAY 7:30 am to 9 pm Day trip to the state of Boyacá. The State or Department of Boyacá evokes a sense of patriotism among Colombians. It was here that Colombians troops won their independence from Spain at the Battle of Boyacá.

Stop at **Boyacá Bridge**. Is one of the most important battlefields of Colombia's modern history. On August 7th, 1819 the armies of Simon Bolivar defeated Spanish troops sealing Colombia's independence.

Villa de Leyva, one of the most beautiful colonial villages in Colombia. It is a city frozen in time. Declared a national monument in 1.954. Filled with, museums, festivals. It has one of the largest town squares in the Americas. It's paved with with massive cobblestones & surrounded by magnificent colonial structures. Lunch in town paid by FF. Snacks & soft drinks on bus

SUNDAY Free day to spend with your hosts Options: Visit **Usaquen** A quaint central plaza surrounded by stylish antique show will have ideas for you. 1-5 pm **Farewell luncheon** with live music to dance, chic bars & fusion style restaurants & flea market. Mass, Malls, downtown, family meetings, visit farms of the hosts



**A FEW HIGHLIGHTS
OF FFNC WEEK IN
BRISTOL, ENGLAND**

FFNC Ambassadors welcomed
by Lord Mayor of Bristol



The Grounds at Stourhead Estate



Stourhead Estate



Nave in Well Cathedral
Built around 1230



Saint Mary Radclif Cathedral

JOURNEYS & EVENTS**2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Jan. 29-Feb. 11
2019 OUTBOUND JOURNEY
FFNC to Bogota, Columbia
& Extension Tour
PLANS DEVELOPING NOW!
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2018-19 Outbound Journey Options
 Gather your friends &
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE
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2018 OUTBOUND JOURNEY:
FFNC to HALLE-SAALE, GERMANY
& BRISTOL, ENGLAND
September 26-October 12, 2018
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FFNC Journey to Columbia January 29-Feb. 11, 2019

Home stay with FF of Bogota Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Extension Tour in Columbia Feb. 4 - 11

Journey Coordinator:

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See page 5 for more details

**All interested members come to informational meeting:
6:00 p.m. before FFNC meeting on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018**

Utah National Parks

13 Days / 12 Nights Program and Itinerary:

April 28, 2019 – May 10, 2019

Coordinator: Jennifer Allred, FF Utah

presidentffofutah@gmail.com



Join us on this Journey that will take us to some of Utah's most stunning National Parks. See magnificent natural arches, breathtaking canyons, dinosaur footprints, and petroglyphs left behind from past civilizations. This Journey is an incredible opportunity for nature lovers or anyone who has never seen the incredible natural formations that Utah has to offer!

Hiking in the Swiss Alps

August 3-14 2019

Journey Coordinator Urs Gantner

u.gantner@bluewin.ch



Visit Swiss cities as well as walking in the Swiss mountains on this Journey that features a hike on the Four Headwaters Trail, sandwiched between two homestays with FF Solothurn. The Four Headwaters Trail is a family-friendly trek of about 85

km through the alpine country where the Rhine, Reuss, Ticino, and Rhone rivers begin. It is broken up into five segments, with starting and end points that are serviced by public transport. Hiking through portions of cantons Uri, Graubünden, Ticino, and Valais takes you through unique landscapes, highlighting the central role that water plays for man, animals, and plants throughout the region.